



# Reporting and Responding To a Spill

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Initial Response Section

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# *I've Had A Spill!*

# *Now What Do I Do?*

Assess fire, health and safety hazards;

Stop the discharge;

Notify the appropriate agencies;

Take steps to limit environmental damage;

Monitor & mitigate hazards;

Contain & remove oil;

Properly stockpile & dispose of debris;



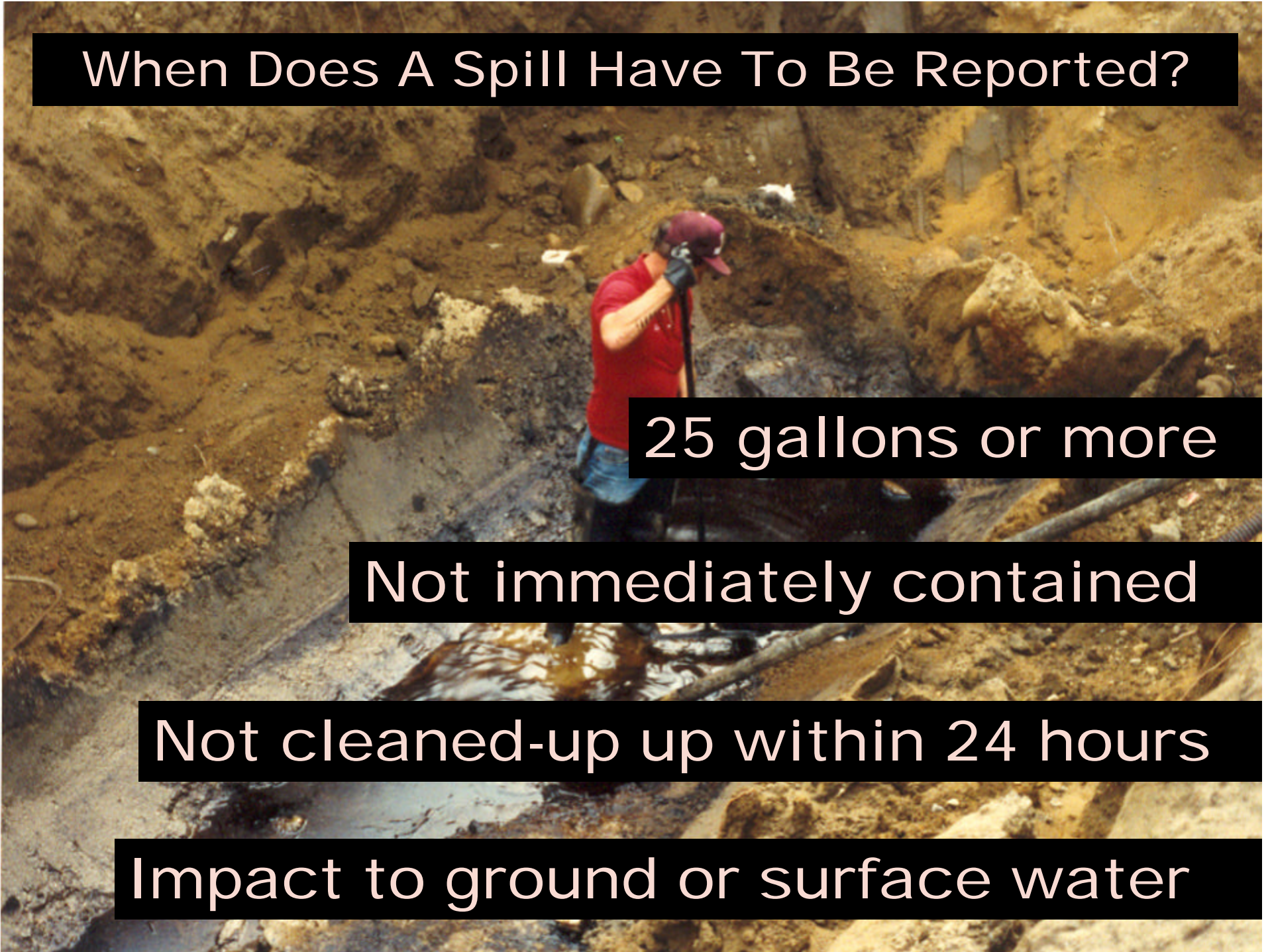
# When Does A Spill Have To Be Reported?

25 gallons or more

Not immediately contained

Not cleaned-up up within 24 hours

Impact to ground or surface water





**Do I Have To Report The Spill If It's Contained?**





# WHO HAS TO REPORT THE SPILL?

Did you call DES?

Uh..who else should I call?

Not My Job!

I thought you called!

COFFEE?

I'm a supervisor, I don't have to do anything

- Whoever is responsible or...

- Any person who becomes aware.



# Who Has to Be Notified?

**Fire Department**  
**New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services**  
**National Response Center**



# How Do I Contact Them?

Local Fire Department @ 911

NHDES @ 603-271-3644/800-346-4009 (24 hr)

National Response Center @ (800) 424-8802



# WHAT DO I REPORT?

Your name & phone number

Date & time of spill

Product type & amount

Cause and Location

Who has been notified

Environmental impact

Responsible party

Actions taken

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# What Happens If I Don't Report A Spill?

**Acme Oil Co.**

❖ RSA 146-A and WS412



# *Who's In Charge?*



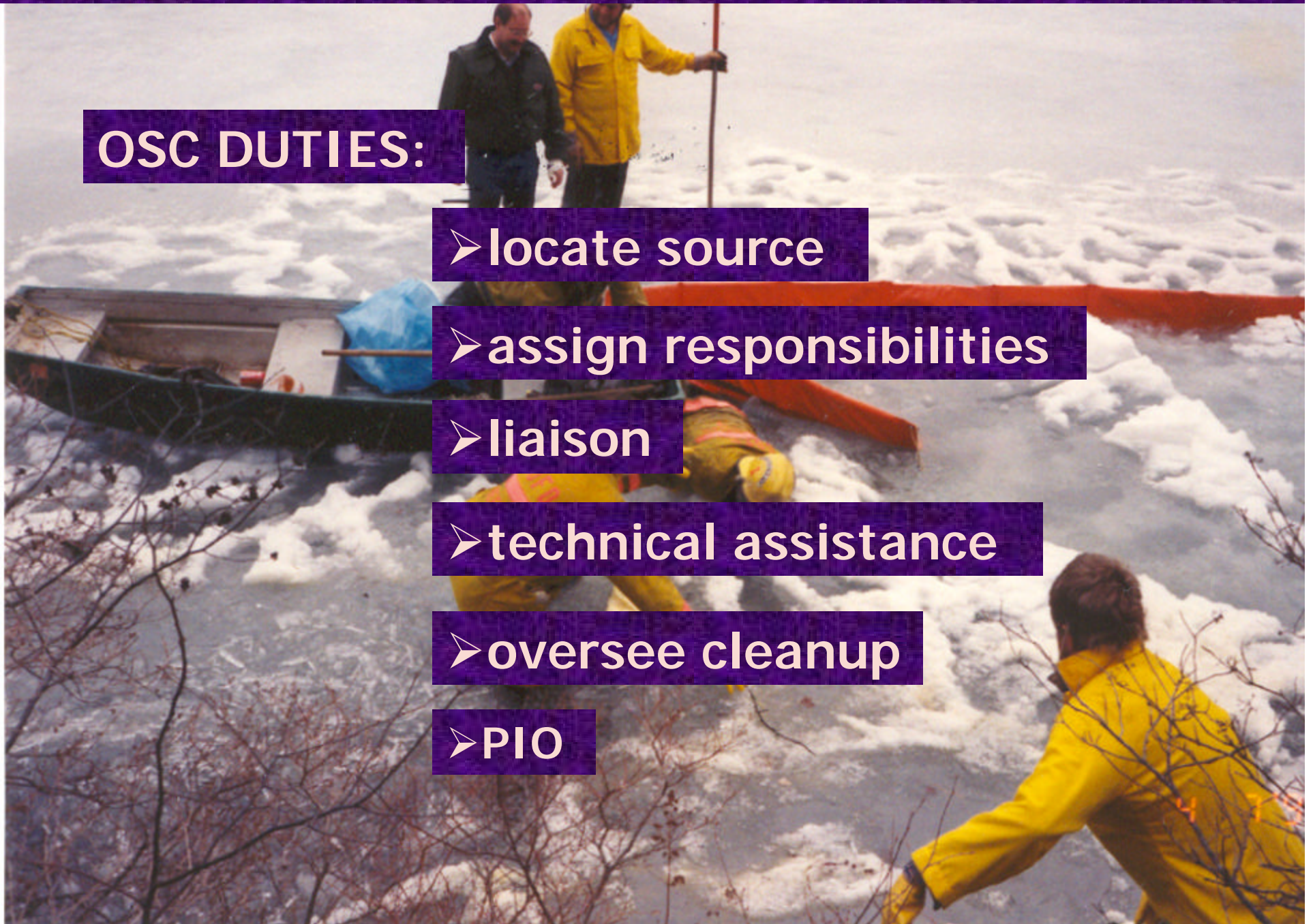
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## Why Is The IRS Involved?

### OSC DUTIES:

- locate source
- assign responsibilities
- liaison
- technical assistance
- oversee cleanup
- PIO





It's Only 10 Gallons

Do I Have To Clean It Up?

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*Is It OK To Wash-down The Spill?*







Can We Clean Up This Spill Ourselves?



**What is the  
proper PPE?**





# Is There Any Equipment Nearby?

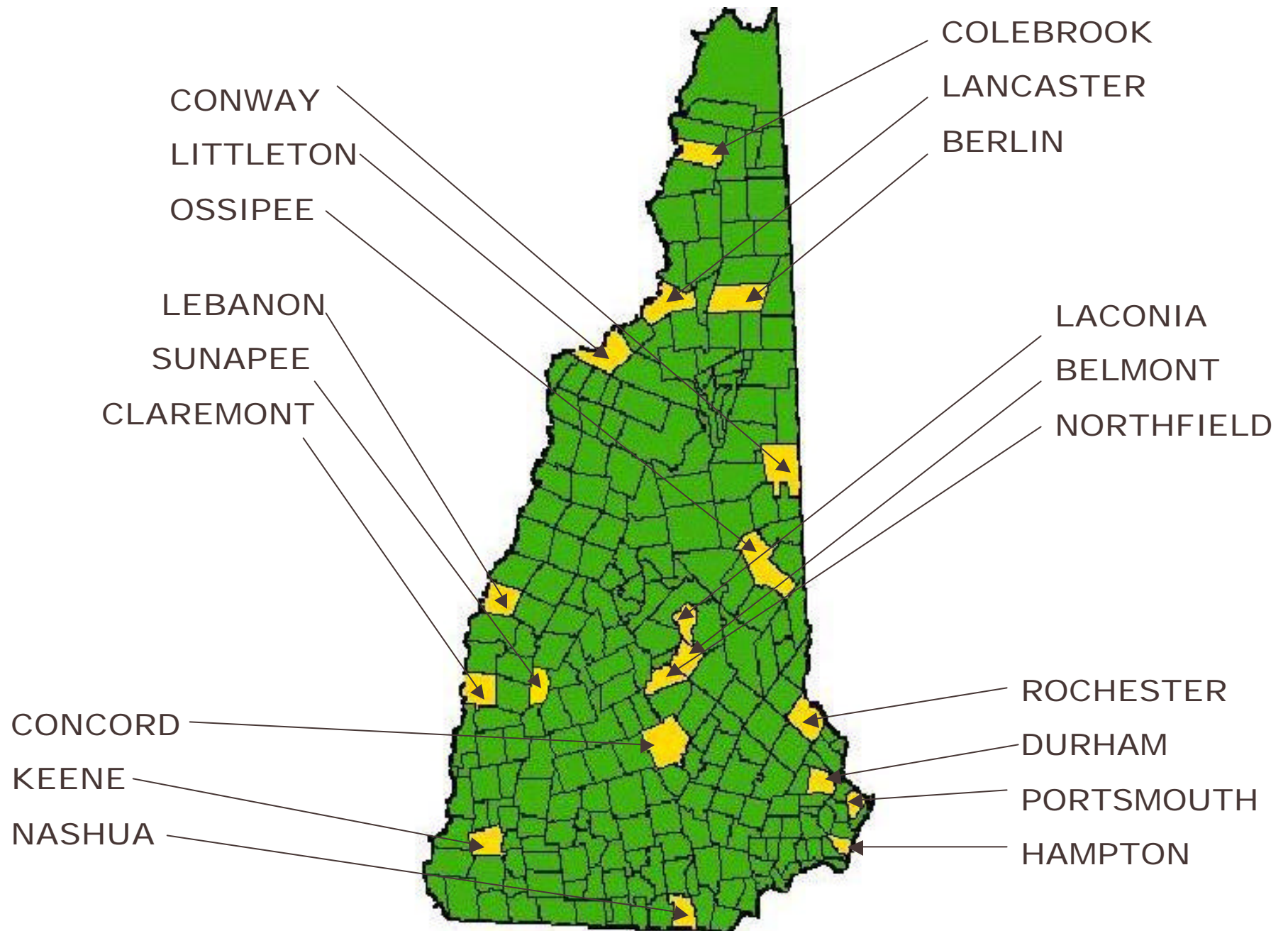


➤ 18 Locations throughout NH

➤ Access Equipment through fire department

➤ Responsible Party pays for RESTOCKING





EMERGENCY OIL SPILL EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS



*How Can I Limit The Environmental Impact?*





**Where Can I Find A Good Contractor?**







**What Equipment Is Needed?**





**Is Decon Necessary?**



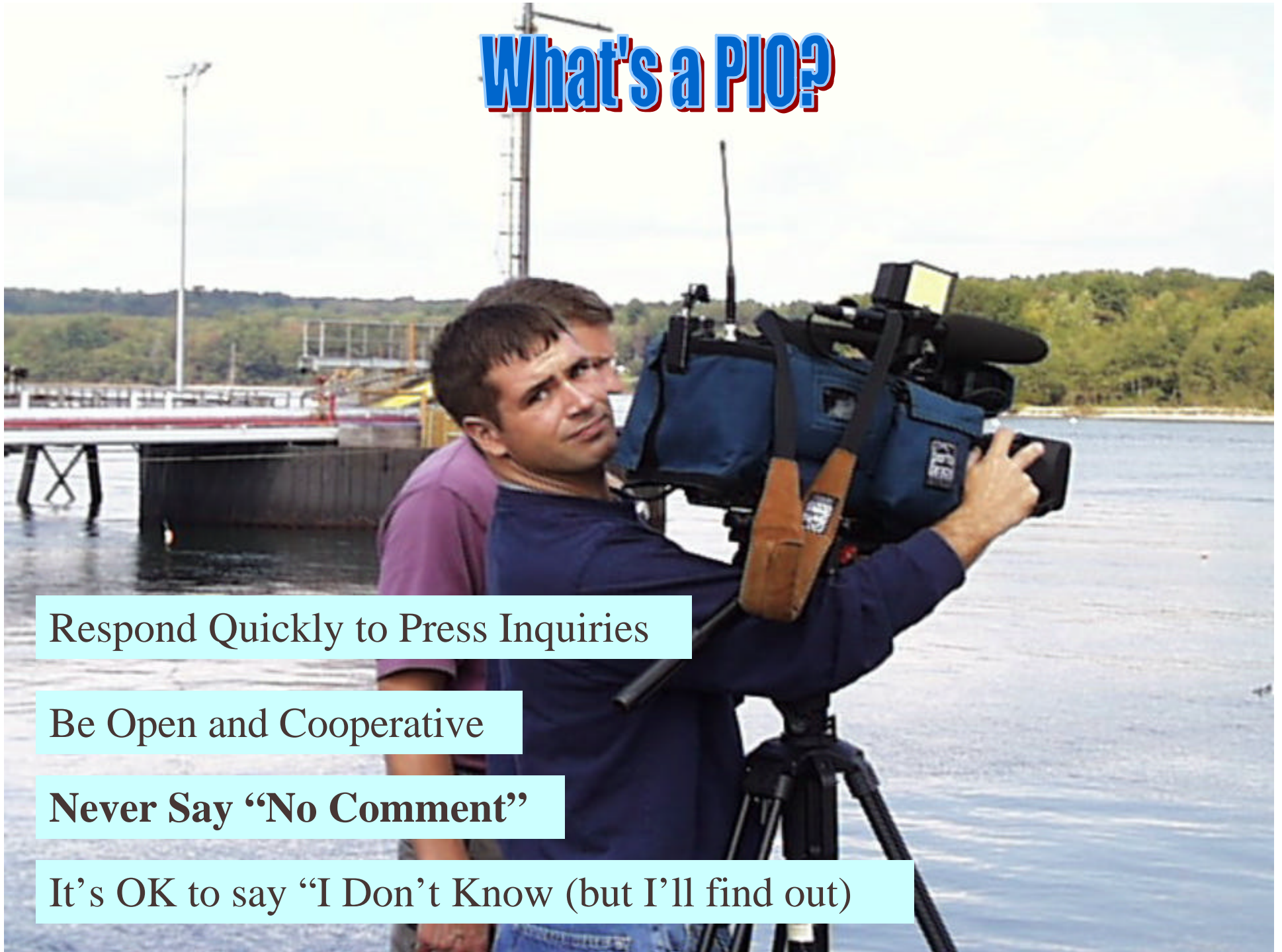
# What's a PIO?

Respond Quickly to Press Inquiries

Be Open and Cooperative

**Never Say “No Comment”**

It's OK to say “I Don't Know (but I'll find out)”





# What Happens Next?

Notify the Public

Remove Free Product

Perform a Site Investigation

Submit a Remedial Action Plan

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*How Clean Is Clean?*







**What can I do with the debris?**





*Who Pays For The Clean-Up?*



# Are You Prepared?





Carry A Spill Kit



How Can I Ensure An Immediate Response?



Maintain A Stockpile



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## What's New?

- [Watershed Assistance Survey: "The New Hampshire Watershed Approach"](#)
- [RFQ for Coastal Restoration Design and Engineering Agreement, proposals due September 10, 2003](#)
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